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Wakefield Gets Stylish Kicking

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WAKEFIELD High School in Arlington is keeping right in style, thanks to Kambiz Behbahani, an 18-year-old senior from Tehran, Iran.

The Redskins have their Hungarian soccer-style kicker in Charley Gogolak. Maryland has its South American soccer-style booter in Bernardo Bramson, and the Warriors are not to be outdone.

Behbahani, a two-time All-Metropolitan soccer choice, volunteered as a place-kicker with the gridders after his soccer coach, Ed Reynolds, talked with him about it and discussed the situation with Warrior grid Coach Bill Edmondson.

Kambiz's been nothing less than sensational in his three seasons of varsity play with the Wakefield soccer team. He led them with 19 goals as a sophomore. Last season he had only 16 goals, but many more assists as the other teams started double teaming him.



KAMBIZ BEHBAHANI
Warriors' Kicker

IN THOSE TWO seasons the Warriors won 16 of 20 games while playing two ties. This season he has led them to six straight triumphs without a loss, with the highlight thus far being his game-winning goal in Wakefield's 1-0 triumph over the American University frosh. He scored despite the fact that he was triple teamed most of the game.

He divides his time between practicing with the two teams, getting his kicks with both types of balls daily. Although listed as a halfback on the football team, he is used only as the kicker.

Behbahani kicks off and handles all other place-kicking chores for the Warriors. His kicking has been directly responsible for two non-losses for the Arlington eleven. His extra point got them a 13-13 tie with George Washington in the season-opener. Actually he could have won it by making both attempts. He also missed a field goal try in the game. However, Coach Edmondson chalked it up to first-game jitters for his booter.

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THE ONCE-BEATEN Warriors edged Hammond 28-27 last week with Kambiz kicking four of four extra points. The

previous week against Langley he was four for five. He's kicked 13 of 16 for the season.

A sidelight to Wakefield's triumph over Hammond was Behbahani's tackle on a kickoff return. The Admirals had returned one of his kicks for a touchdown and the next time the Hammond runner broke loose with only Kambiz between him and the goal line, Kambiz came through with flying colors and stopped him.

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FRIDAY, FOR the second time this season, Behbahani will pull an iron man stunt and play soccer in the afternoon (at Blair), then will return to the school, change into grid gear and head for Marshall High School, where the Warriors played a Group 1-A football game that night.

Kambiz will have an added incentive to do exceptionally well Friday night. His mother arrived in this country from Tehran last weekend and, although she has seen him play soccer back in Iran, she has never seen him perform in an American-style football game.